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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/787,230	Applicant(s) UEMURA ET AL.	
	Examiner Kenneth Bomberg	Art Unit 3754	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/899,913.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Emerson et al.
(4,428,509).

Emerson et al. teaches :

A cap (10) for mounting on an aerosol container having a container body with a top end from which a discharge head is protruding upwardly, said cap comprising:

a tubular body member (16) having a lower part (20) which is able to be engaged to an upper part of said container body,

a top plate member having a periphery connected to an upper end portion of the tubular body member so as to close a top surface of the tubular body member,

said top plate member having an aperture and a lid (26) for closing the aperture, said lid having a fixed end which is connected to a margin of the aperture through a bendable line (28), such that the lid is able to turn from a first position (fig. 4) in which the lid closes the aperture, to a second position (fig. 6) in which the lid is protruding into the tubular body member so as to get in touch with a top face of the discharge head that is pressed generally downwardly, said top plate member also having a stopper (52) for

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fixing the lid in the second position so as to keep the discharge head in such a pressed state, wherein the aperture is located generally above the discharge head when the cap is mounted on the container; and the lid is formed into a folding plate having the fixed end joined to the margin of the aperture through the bendable line, and being connected to a remainder of the margin of the aperture except the bendable line through a break line (58) for keeping the folding plate in the first position; and in that the stopper is protruding downwardly from the remainder of the margin for engaging with the folding plate in the second position while an engagement device (56) for engaging with the stopper is provided at a side portion of the folding plate adjoining the stopper, such that the stopper and the engagement device may engage each other to keep the folding plate in the second position.

Allowable Subject Matter


3. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Bomberg whose telephone number is (703) 308-2179. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.


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June 28, 2004